

A GENERAL STATE

OF THE

WHITEHAVEN DISPENSARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1788.



O possess the POWER, with the INCLINATION, *to do good*, as it is the ultimate and best wish, so it is the highest excellence and supremest happiness of humanity. For, to be able and willing to relieve the *wants*

and *miseries* of our suffering fellow creatures, particularly those of POVERTY and SICKNESS, whilst

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it excites the most refined and delightful sensations our nature is capable of experiencing, may also be deemed an acceptable tribute of GRATITUDE, for the many and exquisite blessings we ourselves enjoy. More especially will these acts of exalted beneficence diffuse their enlivening energy, and administer a consolation “devoutly to be wished,” when we are enduring the pains and inquietudes of *Disease*.

The pleasing certainty of having effectually contributed to provide an asylum for the POOR and NEEDY, exposed to similar circumstances of distress and danger, aggravated by their various and poignant solitudes, must induce very comfortable reflections; and will eventually procure the most ample and inestimable reward.

THE *Epidemic Diseases* of this year will furnish a few general observations. To the dry and sultry state of the weather, in the early part of the summer, may the prevalence of numerous powerful indispositions, which then obtained, be probably imputed. Many of these were cases of malignant disorder, and several purely inflammatory: the former occurring in situations where clear air and cleanliness could not be expected, consequently became
very

very baneful and alarming maladies : whilst the latter, excited by accidental circumstances, especially that of incautious exposure to cold, when excessively heated, readily yielded to the usual medical attentions. From the above period, till the beginning of August, the lower class of people were remarkably healthy. During this month, and the two following, an *Influenza*, chiefly characterised by the symptoms of inflammatory catarrh, almost universally prevailed. This disease had already diffused its contagious influence over the whole of this kingdom, and that of Ireland. A febrile tendency, preceded by considerable lassitude and weakness, accompanied those affections of the head, throat, and chest, by which it was peculiarly distinguished. Though sometimes violent and dangerous, when attacking relaxed and languid constitutions, or where there was a manifest disposition to consumptive disorder, it appeared, for the most part, very mild, and rarely of more than three days continuance. THIRTEEN of these *Epidemics* have raged very generally in Europe, since the beginning of this century. We can also, though with less accuracy, trace in past ages the previous recurrence of ELEVEN similar contagions.

The degree and duration of our various CHRONIC DISTEMPERS have been governed and determined by the temperature of the season, and the unavoidable exposure to the positive influence of it. Hence asthmatic and rheumatic cases were frequent and powerful, during the severity of the winter, and spring, when the weather became remarkably cold and changeable. Many aged, debilitated,

and especially indigent, people experienced the almost immediate and fatal effects of the frost, which took place so early as the last week in November, and prevailed with singular intensity, at least two months.

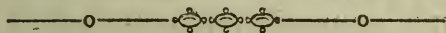
With regard to the *Epidemics* which obtained in the winter, a species of CONTINUED FEVER, and the HOOPING COUGH, were the principal; malignancy and danger, in several instances, marked the deplorable characters of the former, though its virulency in general was by no means alarmingly extensive. The cases of Hooping Cough were few, and favourable.

From the aids and assistances of SURGERY, have the objects of this institution occasionally, and gratefully, derived considerable benefit; and the increase, in the number of MIDWIFERY patients, for these last two years, is a certain and satisfactory attestation of the mitigation it affords to the many and exquisite pains and solitudes of the INDIGENT and INDUSTRIOUS.

Respecting that branch of our CHARITY, which connects its views with those of the LONDON HUMANE SOCIETY, it may be sufficient to observe that, from the ingenious and indefatigable Dr. HAWES, we are frequently and abundantly furnished with whatever can illustrate, expand, or improve a subject which wisdom and policy, not less than the instinctive impulse of humanity, conspire to recommend. Fortunately for this situation, though exposed to circumstances exceedingly dangerous, no remarkable instance of *Suspended Animation* has occurred these last two years.

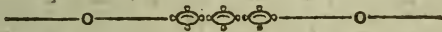
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The voluntary, annual contributions to this DISPENSARY, by which it is principally supported, have been lately, from various circumstances, (particularly the death of several benevolent and bountiful SUBSCRIBERS) considerably reduced. Mr. LITLEDALE's highly valuable donation, with a few new and generous subscriptions, will happily supply this unavoidable deficiency: and it is earnestly hoped that the expediency of rendering this mode of charitable beneficence more generally useful, by conveying immediate relief to the most anxious situations of POVERTY, may prompt the *Opulent* and *Humane*, who have not already contributed their assistance, to liberally patronize and promote its BENIGN and SALUTARY INTENTIONS.



All persons, who are disposed to contribute by Will to this Charity, are requested to do it in the following manner :

“ I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. the sum of *upon*
trust, that they do pay the same to the Treasurer of the WHITEHAVEN DISPENSARY ;
which sum of *I desire may be applied towards carrying on the*
benevolent designs of the said Charity.”



SUBSCRIPTIONS are taken in at the *Treasurer's*; at *Ware's Printing-Office*; and at the *Dispensary*.



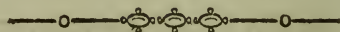
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*An ACCOUNT of the PATIENTS admitted, from
JUNE 9th, 1788, to JUNE 8th, 1789.*

Recommended and registered, (of whom 531 were attended at their respective habi- tations) - - - - -	1148	1148
Midwifery objects - - - - -	108	
Trivial cases - - - - -	873	
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	2129	
Patients remaining upon the books, June 9, 1788, - - - - -	235	235
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The STATE of the REGISTERS.

Cured - - - - -	1090	
Relieved - - - - -	49	
Incurable - - - - -	27	
Irregular - - - - -	2	
Dead - - - - -	28	
Remain upon the books - - - - -	187	
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	1383	1383
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		<i>Total</i>

A SYSTEMATIC ARRANGEMENT

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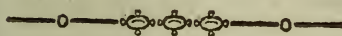
PRECEDING DISEASES,

With their RESPECTIVE EVENTS.

I. FEBRILE DISEASES.	Under 2 Years.	Between 2 & 5 Years.	5 & 10	10 & 15	15 & 20	20 & 30	30 & 40	40 & 50	50 & 60	60 & 70	70 & 80	80 & 90	P A T I E N T S						Total
													Cured	Relieved	Incura- ble	Dead	Dis- mis- sed Ir- regular	Remain- ing upon the books	
Intermittent Fever	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Inflammatory Fever	—	—	—	2	—	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	8
Nervous Fever	—	4	3	6	7	C. D. 10 1	C. D. 6 3	C. D. 9 3	1	2	—	—	47	—	—	7	—	6	60
Worm Fever	1	15	21	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	13	45
External Inflammation	1	7	4	6	2	4	4	2	4	—	1	1	34	—	—	—	—	2	36
Inflammation of the Eyes	2	4	5	3	5	5	4	3	2	3	—	—	23	—	—	—	—	13	36
Inflammatory Sore Throat	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Inflammation of the Lungs	3	18	5	2	1	9	C. D. 8 1	C. D. 4 2	C. D. 1 1	—	2	—	44	—	—	4	—	9	57
Acute Rheumatism	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	2	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	10
Chronic Rheumatism	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	7	12	5	3	1	28	2	1	—	—	7	38
Inflammatory Eruptions	—	—	11	1	1	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	5	20
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Aphtha	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Hæmorrhages	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	6
Consumption	—	—	—	—	1	C. D. 7 1	6	2	—	—	—	—	8	1	1	1	—	6	17
Fluor Albus	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	3	7
Abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
After Pains	—	—	—	—	1	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	1	14
Catarrh	—	1	1	1	3	9	9	11	3	5	—	—	33	—	—	—	—	10	43
Catarrh of Old Age	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Epidemic Catarrh	3	20	20	10	—	8	4	4	3	4	1	—	77	—	—	—	—	—	77
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
II. NERVOUS DISEASES.																			
Head Ach	—	—	—	—	2	10	5	3	1	2	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	11	23
Palsy	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Fainting	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Indigestion	—	—	—	3	10	18	25	14	12	7	—	—	66	2	—	—	—	21	89
Flatulency	C. D. 4 1	C. D. 1 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	—	—	—	—	6	41
Convulsions	3 4	1 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5	—	1	9
Epilepsy	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Asthma	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	C. D. 5 2	C. D. 8 2	9	5	—	10	7	9	4	—	7	31
Hooping Cough	10	10	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	1	25
Colic	—	—	—	—	1	5	C. D. 13 1	1	5	6	1	—	22	5	—	1	—	5	33
Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	5
Diarrhœa	4	8	2	1	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	2	19
Hysteria	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	4
Melancholy	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
III. DISEASES of the HABIT.																			
Chronic Weakness	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	C. D. 7 1	8	1	6	4	1	—	5	17
Dropsy	—	—	—	—	1	C. D. 4 1	3	2	6	C. D. 2 1	2	1	8	4	3	2	—	6	23
Rickets	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Scrophula	1	1	2	1	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	—	4	10
Lues Venerea	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	1	8
Jaundice	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	4
IV. LOCAL DISEASES.																			
Gravel	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	C. D. 5 1	1	1	4	1	1	1	—	3	10
Cancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Rupture	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Prolapsus Ani	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4
Herpes	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Scald Head	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Scorbutic Eruptions	9	29	23	9	7	8	16	5	5	2	1	—	109	—	—	—	—	14	123
Wounds	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	2	26
Contusions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	—	—	—	—	4	41
Ulcers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	2	2	—	—	4	17
Fractures	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Sprains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	1	27
Burns	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	24
Abcesses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	3	30
													878	35	19	28	1	187	1148

Total NUMBER of PATIENTS *admitted since the* INSTI-
TUTION *of this* CHARITY.

In 1783	—	2057	Cured	—	8612
In 1784	—	2644	Relieved	—	386
In 1785	—	3034	Incurable	—	116
In 1786	—	2708	Irregular	—	19
In 1787	—	2521	Dead	—	335
In 1788	—	2129	Remain on the books		187
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The NUMBER of PATIENTS *admitted (as by the* } 15093
foregoing List) }

Registered Patients	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9655
Midwifery Cafes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	380
Trivial Cafes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5058
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BENEFACTION *and* SUBSCRIPTIONS.

BENEFACTION.			
Thomas Littledale, Esq. of Rotterdam - - - -	21	0	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS.			
A.			
Mr. James Atkinson - -	0	10	6
+ Mr. Anthony Adamson	0	10	6
Mr. William Alexander -	0	5	0

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Mr. Henry Bragg - - -	0	10	6
Mr. Darcy Bowes - - -	0	10	6
Mr. John Bragg - - -	0	10	6
Mr. Henry Booth - - -	0	10	6
Mr. Joseph Briggs - - -	0	10	6
Mr. John Birkett - - -	0	10	6
Mr. Robert Baldrige -	0	5	0
Mr. Wm. Brice - - -	0	5	0
Mr. Henry Bragg, Parton -	0	5	0
+ Mr. Sealy Bridge - - -	0	5	0
Mrs. Richard Bowman -	0	5	0

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Mr. Walter Chambre - -	1	1	0
Rev. C. C. Church - - -	0	10	6

Carried forward £44 11 0

Brought Over £44 11 0			
Mr. James Corkhill - -	0	5	0
Mr. Robert Carter - - -	0	5	0
Mr. John Clementson. - -	0	5	0

D.			
John Dixon, Esq. - - -	2	2	0
Mr. Peter Dixon - - -	1	1	0
Joshua Dixon, M. D. - -	1	1	0
Mr. George Dodgson - -	1	1	0
Mr. John Douglas - - -	0	10	6
Mr. John Dawson - - -	0	10	6
Mr. John Dunn - - -	0	5	0

F.			
Robert Fisher, Esq. - - -	2	2	0
Mr. R. Fletcher, Merchant	1	11	6
Mr. H. Fletcher, do. - -	1	11	6
Rev. Gilbert Filkin - - -	1	1	0
Mr. Thomas Fisher - - -	1	1	0
Mr. R. Fletcher, Mercer	1	1	0
Mr. Robert Ferguson - -	0	10	6
Mr. Isaac Foster - - -	0	10	6
Mr. H. Fletcher, Senhouse-st.	0	10	6
Mrs. Jane Fletcher - - -	0	10	6
Mrs. Farish, Lowther-street	0	5	0
Mrs. Barbara Fletcher -	0	5	0

G.			
Mr. Benjamin Gilliat - -	1	1	0
Mrs. Gibson - - -	1	1	0
Mrs. Greyburn - - -	0	10	6

H.			
Rev. Wilfrid Hudleston	2	2	0
John Hartley, Esq. - - -	2	2	0
Thomas Hartley, Esq. - -	2	2	0
Messrs. Hornby & Bell -	2	2	0

Carried forward £73 17 6
Brought

Brought over £73 17 6

Mr. John Hamilton, Surgeon	1	1	0
Mr. Joseph Harris, do.	1	1	0
+ Mr. Thomas Harrison,			
Church-street	-	-	1 1 0
Mr. George Hall	-	-	0 10 6
Mr. Wm. Harrison	-	-	0 10 6
Mr. James Hall	-	-	0 10 6
Mr. John Huddleston	-	0	5 0

J.

Messrs. E. & J. Johnstone	1	1	0
Mr. Henry Jefferson	-	-	0 10 6
E. L. Irton, Esq. Irton Hall	0	10	6
+ Messrs. J. & W. Johnstone	0	5	0

K.

Rev. James Kirkpatrick	-	1	1 0
Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick	0	5	0

L.

+ Wilfrid Lawson, Esq.	-	5	5 0
Henry Lutwidge, Esq.	-	2	2 0
Isaac Littledale, Esq.	-	2	2 0
Henry Littledale, Esq.	-	2	2 0
Thomas Lutwidge, Esq.	-	1	1 0
Mr. Wm. Little, Surgeon	1	1	0
Mr. John Lancaster	-	-	0 10 6
Mr. Richard Ledger	-	-	0 10 6
+ Mr. John Litt, Bouthorn	0	10	6
Mrs. Langton	-	-	0 10 6

M.

+ Mr. Edward Moore, Mer-			
cer	-	-	1 1 0
Mr. Robert Mawe	-	-	0 10 6
Mr. George Miller	-	-	0 10 6

Carried forward £100 7 0

Brought over £100 7 0

Rev. Timothy Martin	-	-	0 10 6
Mr. John M'Bride	-	-	0 5 0
Mrs. M'Kinney	-	-	0 5 0

N.

Rev. Henry Nicholson	-	0	10 6
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O.

Mr. Richard Oyes	-	-	1 1 0
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P.

Mr. Samuel Potter	-	-	1 11 6
Mr. John Parker	-	-	1 1 0
Mr. Wm. Piper	-	-	1 1 0
Mr. Peter Peele, Diffington	1	1	0
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Mr. John Pirrie	-	-	0 5 0

R.

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gift, Leeds	-	-	1 1 0
Mr. Christopher Robinson	0	10	6
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Mrs. Richmond	-	-	0 10 6
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Broughton	-	-	0 10 6
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Mr. John Richardson	-	-	0 5 0

S.

J. T. Senhouse, Esq.	-	-	2 2 0
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Carried forward £118 8 0
Brought

Brought over	£118	8	0
Mr. Alexander Spittall	-	1	1 0
Mr. George Stalker	-	1	1 0
Mr. Robert Sanderfon	-	1	1 0
The Friendly Society at the			
Three Tuns	-	1	1 0
† Christopher Stanger, M.D.	1	1	0
† Rev. Thomas Stephenson	1	1	0
Mr. Oswald Sumpton	-	0	10 6
Mr. Benjamin Sproule	-	0	10 6
† Mr. Andrew Spittal	-	0	10 6
Mifs Senhouse	-	0	10 6
Mr. John Sarjeant	-	0	5 0

T

Peter Taylor Esq.	-	1	1 0
Mr. Ebenezer Tipping	-	0	5 0

V

Richard Wordsworth, Esq.	1	1	0
John Wordsworth, Esq.	-	1	1 0
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Mr. Mark Wylie, Druggift	1	1	0
Mrs. Wybergh	-	1	1 0
Mrs. Wetherald, Wigton	1	1	0
Mr. John Walker	-	0	10 6
Mr. Joseph Wilfon	-	0	10 6
Mess. Witherington & Brown	0	10	6
† Mr. John Williamfon,			
Surgeon	-	0	10 6
† Mr. Joseph Wilkinfon,			
Diffington	-	0	10 6

Carried forward £138 6 6

Brought over	£138	6	6
Mr. John White	-	0	5 0
† Mr. Thomas Wilfon, Sur-			
veyor	-	0	5 0
† Mr. Jonathan Wills	-	0	5 0
† Rev. David Williamfon	0	5	0
Y.			

Mr. Peter How Younger	-	1	1 0
Mrs. Younghusband	-	0	5 0

Total	£140	12	6
In the Charity Box	-	1	4 0
Cash Lent	-	100	0 0
Interest of Ditto	-	5	0 0
Ditto of Surplus Cash	-		
£2 12 2		2	9 2
Loss by light Gold	3	0	
Balance with the Treasurer			
last Year	-	33	15 6 $\frac{3}{4}$

283 1 2 $\frac{3}{4}$

DISBURSEMENTS.

Drugs and Medicines	-	54	10 10
Printing and Stationary	7	6	2
Midwifery Expences, Paint-			
ing, Wine, Coals, Candles,			
Phials, and fundry small			
Articles	-	28	15 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Apothecary's Salary and			
Gratuities	-	40	10 0

£131 2 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Balance £151 18 3 $\frac{1}{4}$

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